

# Here are some hacks for unclogging a drain

It's frustrating to watch the tub or sink drain slowly. While standing in the shower, you notice the tub filling up with water? When you try to get the water to go down, you face a slippery situation. Ahh. What did I do to annoy the plumbing gods? DCS can help you out. We've put together a list of our five most simple solutions that might help temporarily relieve your pain, or may even cure the problem altogether. Unless none of these options work, you better give us a call. We'll take out the big guns.

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## 5. Bent Wire Hanger Trick

Using this method, you can remove clogged hair in the bathtub or shower. You are attempting to dislodge hair or grime from the drain by squeezing it. If the trap is old or fragile, be careful not to scratch the flange or force the wire too hard through the pipe. Then, straighten the wire out and make a small hook at the end. You should run it up and down the sides of your drain in attempt to catch any hair or gunk that is clogging it.

## 4. Clear That Trap

Remove and clear the trap. There is no better solution when the trap is easy to access and the clog is contained to one drain. There is usually a buildup of dirt or grease here due to its design. Luckily, we have an easy fix. The J bend will simply slip out after you loosen both slip joint nuts. Have a rag or bucket in your possession to empty the water and gunk.

## 3. Boiling Hot Water

Use this technique with care as it can crack porcelain sink bowls. It can also loosen your joints if you use PVC drains. Moreover, boiling water is hot enough to drink. Make sure you pour into your sink carefully.



Kitchen sinks are usually clogged with organic matter and fats, making this method most effective. Boiling water helps to liquefy fats so they can flow down the drain further. This won't clear your pipe completely, but it will clear clogs mostly caused by cooking fats. In the event the problem continues, you may need your pipes professionally cleaned to remove

those fats from the pipe lining.

For prevention in the future. Draining fats down your sink is never a good idea. Toss them in your trash after they've cooled and hardened.

## 2. Reverse Volcano

Those science projects you did as a kid will always stay with you. Baking soda and vinegar are put into a volcano to make an eruption. Same principal here. A kitchen or bath drain that has stopped up works best. However, toilets or anything that has standing water won't work. You may have to wait until the basin is dry. Pour about half a box of baking soda down the drain. Pour half a cup of vinegar slowly down the drain, and plug it up with a rag or stopper. It is believed that the pressure will force the clog down and clear it. Wait a half hour, and then follow up with the boiling hot water trick.

## 1. Good old fashion Plunger

It is also possible to utilize an old-fashioned plunger as a simple yet effective method. Among these tools, every homeowner should have a few tried and true ones. It works on just about every type of drain and is perfect for clearing localized clogs. Nowadays, there are a few different types of mobile phone towers, but they all operate on the same principle. Submerge the plunger part completely. Use water pressure to force the plunger against the clog. While applying pressure, you want to make sure you still have the seal in place.

All of these steps can help with a minor plumbing problem. In some cases, these symptoms indicate a larger problem and you should seek professional assistance. We'd love to be your go-to plumber when you need a plumber you can count on for bigger problems. By staying on top of the latest advances in plumbing, we can perform the best solution to your problem. We have created a Trenchless system, which allows us to repair your sewer drain without digging up your yard. Find out more [here](#).